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Senate Bill No. 343

Senate, April 3, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivision (47) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (47) The Governor shall proclaim the Saturday that is closest
4 to June nineteenth of each year to be Juneteenth Independence Day in
5 recognition of the formal emancipation of enslaved African-Americans
6 pursuant to General Order No. 3 of June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas.
7 Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as
8 the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	None	None
Governor's Off.	GF - Cost	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which designates the Saturday that is closest to June 19th of each year as Juneteenth Independence Day, has no fiscal impact on the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT DESIGNATING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the governor to proclaim the Saturday closest to June 19th each year as Juneteenth Independence Day in recognition of the formal emancipation of enslaved African-Americans by General Order No. 3 issued in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. It requires suitable exercises and observances at the State Capitol and other locations that the governor designates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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